

EASTHAM 400 COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM)
October 26, 2020

Attendees: Jim Russo, Tom Ryan, Sylvia Sullivan, Sharon Krause, Deb DeJonker-Berry

Also Present: Eileen Seaboldt, Patty Donohoe, Mary Shaw, Sue Moynihan, Karen Kollar, Robin Rowe, Tina Messervey.

Mike Caliri facilitated audio/visual connection for the town.

Chair's Report: Jim opened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. He has been working on tribal rights, making sure they extend to Eastham.

Secretary's Report: Tom moved that the minutes be accepted as proposed, Sylvia seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Deb offered the following report:
We have \$1,999 in the Appropriation (not including this year's additional \$10,000)
Expenses in appropriation - \$33,000
Gift Fund - expenses \$2,125 and revenue \$16,819
She also has an invoice for \$4,403 and she believes there will be some expenses for the 400 film.

Public Relations: "Trick or Treat" type of event this weekend going on and Jim suggested giving out the pencils that were meant to be distributed at other canceled events.

Programming: Tom reported that since our last committee meeting progress concerning language for an updated plaque and consultations with the tribal members have been proceeding very slowly. He visited the Wampanoag Trading Post in Mashpee Commons and recommends we all do the same, if possible. Paula Peters has promised to get a report to him soon. This is all in regard to the plaque and its narrative.

December 8 programming: unveil new plaque, if available. Also, a 45-60 minute film is being worked on by Joanna Holleck, using the summer series. This could also be launched on December 8. The Eastern Suns are not able to perform because of virus restrictions. Likewise, there will be no participation by the Nauset Schools.

** Jim called on Sylvia to give her report on the cancellation stamp, the final design has been received by the postmaster. She suggested that members of the Committee could be at the Post Office for a "cancellation ceremony" of sorts. And perhaps at that time, people could purchase the Mayflower/Plymouth 400 stamp which was issued on September 17.

Procurement: No progress on the plaque.

Fundraising: No report:

Partners:

Eastham Library: There will be no December "Our Story" exhibit. There is no acceptable way of scheduling and controlling attendees. Deb has been in contact with Steven Peters of SmokeSignals about an online version for viewing and then next December, hopefully rescheduling the display. WCAI's book discussion talk will take place with Mindy Todd of The Point, on November 19th with John Hanlon and others. Deb is looking to pull in some books focusing on the future. John recommended a book, Spirit Run: A 6,000 Marathon Through North American Stolen Land by Noé Álvarez, who will also take part in the discussion of her book. On December 1st, Ian Saxine will be on The Point to discuss his book The Story of the First Encounter. On Sunday, December 6th he will present the book to a webinar group. December 13, David Silverman will discuss his book, This Land is Their Land.

CCNS: Sue had high praise for Tom, Deb and those involved in the work of all the online programming and events that have taken place. She again stated that the Seashore's events will stay in place for the future. In-person programming has been paused with the hope that next year they can once again resume.

Eastham Historical: Eileen reported on their continuation of online programming. Patty talked about organizing the Schoolhouse Museum, now that they have the time. Deb set up a database set to coordinate and share all inventory. Everything is cataloged and patrons will more easily be served when they come back to do research. She talked about the Cape Associates shallop and they are thinking of doing a film about the role of the boat in the landing.

Eastham Painters Guild: No report. Jim talked about the public art mural that is made up of one-foot-square tiles painted by individual Eastham residents which will probably be made available during the Eastham Garden tour.

Nauset Interfaith: The Sunrise Service is still uncertain as Annawon Weedon will not be officiating. Unless he can send a representative, Tom feels strongly that it should not take place and may need to be canceled if there can be no Native representation. Likewise for the Sunset Service, unless it could be held on the Green in the Gazebo or at the beach. The Native leadership is taking many more precautions in light of COVID. A lot of discussion still takes place.

Nauset Schools: No report

Jim reiterated his request for any artwork from the Guild, event notices, etc to post on the 400 website. Patty visited the Pilgrim Monument museum to view the art display. It holds juried works dealing with the events of the 400. She recommended that everyone try to make a visit. Also, Patty's brother has produced 4 panels which were supposed to be viewed and auctioned off for the Historical Museum's fundraiser. She is looking into the possibility of them being shown in the Pilgrim Monument's display. Deb talked about all of the papers presented at the Cape and Islands Historical Association Symposium which are collected in a book, which is available at the library.

Adjournment: Tom moved, Sylvia seconded, all approved.

Next meeting is November 30 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Krause